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Centenarians Share Years and Memories

SALT LAKE CITY – Lt. Governor and Mrs. Gary Herbert hosted the 23rd Centenarian Celebration today at the Capital. Allan C. Jackson, age 106 was the oldest in attendance. The youngest attendee, Mrs. Fern West, will turn 100 this year.

Approximately 53 Centenarians, accompanied by friends and family attended today's celebration. According to the 2000 Census data, Utah has at least 155, 143 are known to Utah Division of Aging and Adult Services.

Today's Centenarians have witnessed incredible change: indoor plumbing, electricity and the automobile. They have lived through two World Wars and the Great Depression. When asked which innovation had the most impact on their lives, most mentioned radio, TV, automobiles and airplanes.

Lt. Governor Herbert offered brief remarks before he and Mrs. Herbert greeted the centenarians and presented them with certificates.

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